

# FRENCH GUIANA



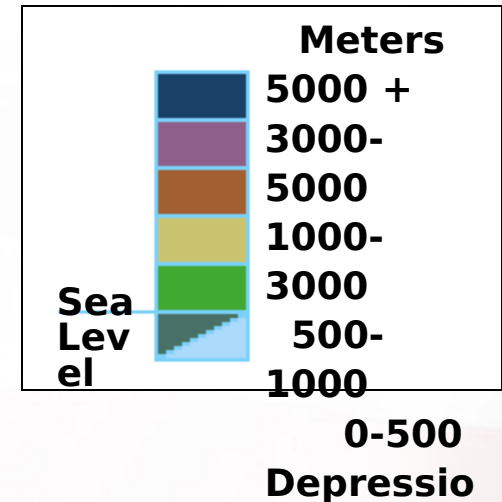
- Overseas Department of France
  - Heavily subsidized
  - French space center in Kourou
- Sparsely populated
- Tropical wilderness



# French Guiana: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate

**Tropical; hot,  
humid; little  
seasonal  
temperature  
variation**



**Low-lying coastal plains  
rising to hills and small  
mountains**

***lowest point:* Atlantic  
Ocean 0 m**

***highest point:* Bellevue de  
l'Inini 851 m**

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# **French Guiana: Environmental Issues**

- Industries
  - French space center, aircraft and motor vehicle parts, forestry products, gold mining, rum production, and shrimp processing
- Water
  - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage
  - Mercury contamination due to gold mining

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# **French Guiana: Environmental Issues**

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
  - Water contaminated with raw sewage
  - Extreme heat
- Greatest long-term environmental health risks
  - Chronic ingestion of mercury in contaminated water

# **French Guiana: Diseases of Operational Importance**

- High risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
  - Food and water-borne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
  - Vector-borne: dengue fever, malaria



# French Guiana: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
  - Food and water-borne: protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis E, typhoid/paratyphoid fever
  - Vector-borne: leishmaniasis, yellow fever
  - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, syphilis
  - Water contact: leptospirosis
  - Respiratory: tuberculosis
  - Animal contact: Q fever, rabies